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Title: MOVEABLE OBJECT CARRIER, LITHOGRAPHIC APPARATUS COMPRISING
THE MOVEABLE OBJECT CARRIER AND DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Applicant confirms with appreciation the receipt of the Notice of Allowability for this application.

In reply to the Examiner's reasons for allowance in this application, Applicant notes that portions of the Examiner's comments paraphrase claim features and thus do not accurately represent the actual claim language. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are and should be deemed patentable for the actual claim language recited therein. Applicant also respectfully submits that the subject matter of the allowed claims are patentable for their respective recitations of claimed features as a whole, without any particular criticality or distinguishing feature being attributable to any one or more of such features, and without any narrowing interpretation being imposed on any of such features. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that no one element or limitation in particular should be deemed to impart to or be required for patentability of the claims.

Furthermore, Applicant submits that the dependent claims are allowable for their dependence on the allowed independent claims and further for the additional subject matter recited in each of those dependent claims.

These comments are being filed concurrently with payment of the Issue Fee.

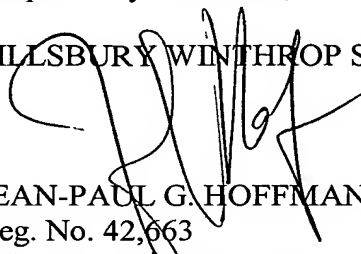
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